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SUBJECT: CONCENTRATION OF ARMOR IN ADDIS ABABA

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A LARGE ██FORCE OF TANKS AND SUPPORTING INFANTRY FROM THE

THIRD DIVISION IN ██EASTERN ETHIOPIA WAS MOVED INTO ADDIS █ABABA

THIS MORNING. THE FORCE WAS DEPLOYED AROUND A PALACE IN WHICH

THE TRIALS OF ███████████████████████████DETAINED ARISTOCRATS AND

FORMER OFFICIALS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. SOME OF THE PRISONERS REPORTEDLY

WERE MOVED RECENTLY TO THE PALACE FROM FOURTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE THEIR ARRESTS.

THE ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DECIDED TO

MOVE I█████TS HEADQUARTERS TO THE PALACE AND FELT THE NEED FOR

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ADDITIONAL SECURITY AROUND THE COMPOUND. THE ARMOR POWER CON-

CENTRATION, HOWEVER, IS IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO PROTECT

THE AREA. THE MODERATES WHO PRESENTLY CONTROL THE COORDINATING

COMMITTEE APPARENTLY WANTED TO OVERAWE THEIR OPPONENTS. THE

MODERATES ARE CONCERNED THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE ARISTOCRATS MIGHT

INSTIGATE DISORDERS DURING THE TRIALS; THEY ALSO FEAR THE POTENTIAL

FOR TROUBLEMAKING BY THEIR RADICAL OPPONENTS IN THE MILITARY--

ALTHOUGH THIS GROUP CAME OUT SECOND BEST IN RECENT CONFRONTATIONS

WITH THE MODERATES.

      ADDIS ABABA REMAINED CALM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CANVAS COVERS

ARE STILL ON THE GUNS AROUND THE PALACE, AND THERE IS NO SIGN

OF IMPENDING MILITARY ACTION. E2 IMPDET.H   25X1A9a

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